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NOTICE OF APPEAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.191 FROM THE DECISION OF THE EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals and Interferences from the final decision, dated April 24, 2003, of the primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 8-21 and 38-47 of the above-referenced application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fee of \$320.00, and any additional fees which may be required, to Account No. 01-0857, Order No. 01RE145/YOD (DODG:0046). A duplicate copy of this sheet are enclosed.

General Authorization for Extensions of Time

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby provides a general authorization to treat this and any future reply requiring an extension of time as incorporating a request

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therefor. Furthermore, Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to charge the appropriate fee for any extension of time to Deposit Account No. 01-0857, Order No. 01RE145/YOD (DODG:0046).

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